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Copenhaver Candidate for District 47 State Representative

Nancy Copenhaver will file for State Representative in District 47 when filing opens on February 28. The 47th District includes southern Moberly and Randolph County including Renick and Higbee, northwestern Boone County, including Harrisburg, parts of several wards in northern and western Columbia, Rocheport, about the eastern third of Howard County, and a strip of Cooper County east of Boonville.

Copenhaver served in the Missouri House from 2001-2003 as a Democrat in the old 22nd District which, at that time, included all of Randolph, northwestern Boone, northern Howard, and southern Chariton County. She will finish a three-year term on the Moberly City Council in April, having previously served on the Council from 1996-2000 as well as 15 years on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Copenhaver retired from a 28-year career as a business teacher at Moberly High School and worked for 2 ½ years as Deputy County Clerk with the Randolph County Commission. She was a charter member and has been an active leader in the local League of Women Voters for over 35 years, and has served on a number of statewide boards of civic, educational, church, and progressive groups. She is a member of Coates Street Presbyterian Church where she has served as an Elder and Deacon.

Her husband of 36 years, Paul Copenhaver, retired from 33 years as band director in the Moberly Public Schools and currently teaches at St. Pius X in Moberly. He is the assistant conductor/principal trumpet in the Columbia Community Band, plays in the ShowMe Brass Band, Harmonium Brass, and is a well-known clinician and adjudicator throughout the state.

“I’m very excited to have the opportunity to run in the new 47th District which has so much of the district I served before. I truly enjoy campaigning, meeting people, and discussing the issues that are important to folks in this area. Working in the state Capitol is an awesome job—and a huge responsibility—and I look forward to having that opportunity again.”

Copenhaver sees the job of state representative is basically three-fold: Constructing and managing the state budget and being a good steward of the taxpayers’ money, voting on wise legislation that is necessary to make our state government run smoothly, and being an advocate for the citizens of the district in their interaction with the various departments of state government. With her background in education and local government, Copenhaver plans to be a tenacious advocate for pre-K through higher education, a thriving economy, and supporter of working people and small business. “Education is the backbone of economic development, maintaining the middle-class, and ensuring the future of our state—which has been not been the case in recent years. Our state has an excellent business climate, is a healthy and safe place to live, and it is time to ensure that opportunities exist for future generations of Missourians.”